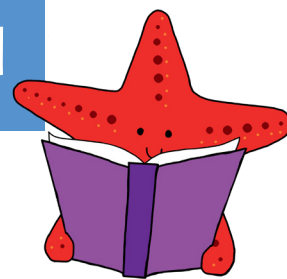


# Early years literacy support across Blackpool



## GET BLACKPOOL READING



Blackpool Council

Blackpool has a wealth of services for children in the early years and their families. Take a look at our early years literacy pathway to help give your child the best start in life and support their literacy development.

Please note: this information acts only as a guide at the time of printing. Specialist services are only offered in certain areas or settings on a referral basis depending on the child's need.

## Get Blackpool Reading

Get Blackpool Reading is a community-driven campaign led by the [National Literacy Trust](#) in partnership with Blackpool Council and the Blackpool Opportunity Area. The campaign offers support to families across the resort and free resources and training for services to promote reading to both new parents and their babies.

Follow the campaign on Facebook at [fb.com/GetBlackpoolReading](#) for literacy-based local activities, story sessions, competitions and more.

Discover [Words for Life](#) from the National Literacy Trust for free online resources, tips and activities for families and children of all ages.

## Blackpool libraries

There are eight [libraries in Blackpool](#) where you can access books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, online resources and learning. There is a wide range of programme activities and [events](#) across all libraries, including the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) for children aged four and above. Some of their regular activities aimed at early years' children include:

- Baby bounce and rhyme
- Shake, rattle and read
- Bedtime stories for under-fives

Follow [@BlackpoolLibraries](#) on Twitter and [fb.com/BlackpoolLibraries](#) on Facebook to find out more.

## Blackpool adult, community and family learning

[Blackpool adult, community and family learning](#) deliver a range of courses in settings around Blackpool including schools, children's centres, libraries and community venues.

In family learning sessions, parents find out more about how their children learn and take part in activities together to support their learning and development, including literacy skills such as phonics. Follow [Blackpool adult, community and family learning](#) on Facebook to view their regular timetable of events.

## Blackpool Council family hubs and children's centres

[Family hubs and children's centres](#) act as a one-stop shop for a variety of services. They are somewhere your child can make friends and learn as they play. Find out more about children's centres local to you and literacy opportunities.

## Blackpool Better Start

[Blackpool Better Start](#) provides free events, services and programmes for expectant parents and families with children up to age four. Many of their activities focus on reading, health and wellbeing. Some of their literacy-focused initiatives include:

- [Early Literacy Week](#) featuring activities based on children's book themes
- [Talk With Me](#) aims to boost speech, language and communication skills of children aged one to three (available upon assessment from a family Health Visitor)
- [Fathers Reading Every Day \(FRED\)](#) supports all male role models (including dads, brothers and grandads) to read with their children

Follow [fb.com/BetterStartBlackpool](#) on Facebook, [blackpoolbetterstart](#) on Instagram and [@CECDBlackpool](#) on Twitter.

## NHS Health Visitors

Blackpool's team of [NHS Health Visitors](#) work directly with parents and local communities to provide help and guidance on a wide range of health-related issues. Health Visitors review children's development at birth, six weeks and age two. They talk to families about the importance of responding to your baby: talking, singing and reading.

Thanks to a partnership with reading charity [BookTrust](#) and [Blackpool libraries](#), Health Visitors also deliver [Bookstart](#) packs to children before they are 12 months old. Bookstart also gifts additional needs packs for babies and toddlers, as well as black-and-white booklets for new-borns and dual-language books.

## Blackpool Portage

[Blackpool Portage](#) is a home-visiting educational service for pre-school children with SEND and their families. Portage works with families to help them develop a quality of life and experience, in which they can help their young children learn, play, become part of their community. Follow [fb.com/BlackpoolPortage](#) on Facebook.

## NHS Family Nurse Partnership

Blackpool's [Family Nurse Partnership \(FNP\)](#) is a structured programme of regular home visits delivered by highly trained family nurses for young women who are pregnant with their first baby that continue through to the baby's second birthday. In addition to support on a range of health-related topics, Family Nurses also offer support on your child's development and school readiness. Follow [@Familynursebp](#) on Twitter.

## NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service

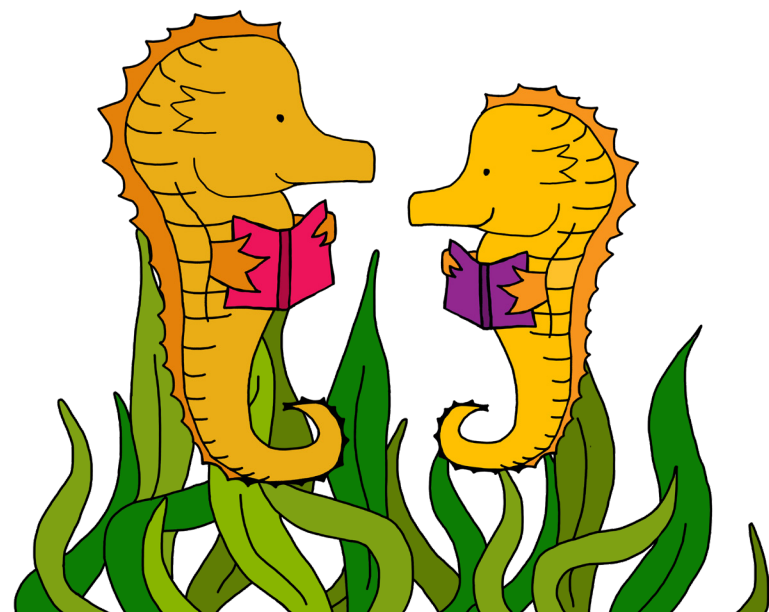
If your child is having difficulties with any aspect of speech, language and communication development, you may want to consider contacting Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde's [Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service](#), which is delivered through NHS Blackpool Teaching Hospitals.

## Blackpool Football Club Community Trust

[Blackpool Football Club Community Trust](#) offer early years educational and health-based activities. Find out what's happening near you for local literacy opportunities.

## Communicate Speech and Language Therapy CLC

[Communicate SLT CLC](#) provide a range of high quality speech, language and communication services. They offer a range of programme activities for families that include sensory needs assessments and early years support. Follow [fb.com/CommunicateSLTCLC](#) on Facebook and [@CommunicateSLT](#) on Twitter.



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